

Quida Jo Trahan, said Sgt. Buddy Cowan of the Gwinnett County Animal Control Division.

Other dogs were chained to stakes in the hot sun, while about 15 others lived in the sweltering, poorly ventilated trailer, Cowan said.

Many were diseased and malnourished, and two dogs were so ill they had to be destroyed.

Dr. Trahan, 44, a physician, and

operating a pet dealership.

Each of the misdemeanor charges carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

By mass-breeding dogs and spending little money to feed and care for them, puppy mill operators are able to sell their "inventory" at big profits to pet stores.

The most recent charges against Ms. Trahan and Ms. Miller stem

animals and felony obstruction of an officer.

In April, a judge sentenced Mrs. Phillips to three years in prison and life on probation for 111 counts of cruelty to animals, operating as an unlicensed pet dealer and operating an unlicensed kennel, and felony obstruction of a police officer. Phillips was sentenced to two years in prison with lifetime probation.

Warnings issued on PCB-contaminated fish

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Bulletins warning people not to eat Lake Hartwell fish weighing more than 3 pounds were posted by Georgia authorities this week, 19 months after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an advisory about the PCB-contaminated fish.

The advisory bulletins were posted at about 70 locations, including boat ramps, bait and tackle shops and public parks and beaches on the Georgia shore of the 61,000-acre impoundment shared with South Carolina, said Gib Johnston, Georgia Department of Natural Resources spokesman.

Polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, were detected 12 years ago and traced to a South Carolina electronics plant on a creek feeding the Seneca River arm of the lake. PCBs are linked to cancer and reproductive disorders in laboratory animals, and their manufacture was banned by Congress in 1979.

Although officials have recommended since 1975 that fish caught in the Seneca arm not be eaten, fish in other parts of Hartwell were considered safe for consumption. But in 1985, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration tightened its standards for allowable limits of PCBs in fish flesh from 5 parts per million to 2 parts per million. Fish from the Georgia side of Lake Hartwell exceed the new limits, officials say.

Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration and South Carolina authorities issued a joint advisory against eating fish over 3 pounds from anywhere in Hartwell. Older, larger fish are likely to have absorbed higher concentrations of PCBs than fish under 3 pounds, according to officials.

Ex-Klan leader won't quit firefighter's job

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Department of Corrections investigation into an alleged cash-for-furloughs scheme at the county's prison camp.

The investigation began July 6 when two inmates were found outside the camp gates after having allegedly bribed prison guards. The inmates reportedly offered the guards \$25 each in exchange for leaving the prison grounds for a night.

But Gamble said a report presented to county commissioners Thursday did not say whether the state will prosecute in the case, and he said the alleged use of a county car by inmates was not properly addressed.

Columbus firefighters claim back pay is owed

COLUMBUS — Columbus firefighters contend that they are due millions of dollars in back pay because they work 56 hours a week but are paid for only 43.

Attorney Gary Parker, representing the firefighters, said the practice has existed since Columbus and Muscogee County were consolidated in 1971. He said the back pay could total \$12 million.

The firefighters announced Tuesday that they plan legal action if the city does not respond to their call for back pay within a week.

Meriwether recall vote to get poll observers

GREENVILLE — State election officials said they plan to send poll observers to Meriwether County for next week's recall election involving school board Chairman Jerry F. Hicks.

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y and Manchester.

a mayor defends annexation proposals

AUGUSTA — Augusta Mayor Charles A. Devane thinks a decision by the U.S. Justice Department to reject eight proposed annexations to the city is based on erroneous information.

Justice Department spokesman said the decision that the annexations was based on objections to the "racially based" annexation methods, which the agency said harm the city's black residents.

The department wants to make sure the city does not have a policy limiting annexation of predominantly black areas, Devane said.

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